



**VAGEMSA Meeting February 5, 2016, Courtyard by Marriott, Glen Allen, VA**

President Eddie Ferguson called the meeting to order at 10:30 hours at the Courtyard by Marriott, Glen Allen, VA. President Ferguson welcomed everyone to the meeting, led the group in a moment of silence for fallen firefighters and EMS providers. He then led recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Officer Reports:**

- President's Report – Eddie Ferguson acknowledged the loss of Linwood's wife from the OEMS family. He advised all that Billy Ferguson has illness in his family and was at home with them. President Ferguson advised that much activity was occurring with VFCA conference preparation. He offered congratulations to Jennie Collins in new job. He has attended several meetings on behalf of VAGEMSA. He attended the Legislative Summit where the top issues remain 1) REPLICA and 2) LOD benefits. 10 or 12 other EMS, fire, LE and Forestry things were considered. Fire EMS caucus. REPLICA committee. Exec Committee mtng snowed out. Rescheduled for March 4<sup>th</sup>. VAGEMSA elections in November. Need to bring more members to VAGEMSA. Encourages all to recruit.
- Treasurer's report – Ray Whatley presented the treasurer's report. Current balances total \$287.50. Several deposits were made and an expenditure for Lobbyist services was paid. Blank invoices were made available and Ray can accept CC payment after the meeting. Member agencies are encouraged to catch up on back dues.
- OEMS Reports – Gary Brown gave an update on VPHIB. Paul Sharpe left OEMS. Several meetings with office staff and ImageTrend were held regarding V2 to V3 migration. Encourage everyone go to support suite for assistance. Discussion regarding implementation and due dates. Bottom line National will no longer accept V2 info after Dec 31, all states must report in V3 on Jan 1. All agencies are now to convert by Jan 1, 2017. OEMS expects all agencies to continue to submit data but will not do any enforcement actions until Jan 1. Data quality as well. Reinforced by Mike Berg. Eddie expressed appreciation for OEMS diligence in this matter and recognition of agency difficulty. Member input was solicited and received.
- Lobbyist's Report – Several pending legislative matters were discussed. Damage to Emergency Vehicles. EMS Compact submitted to both houses. Employee assistance for volunteers. Several LOD bills working through. Major hurdle at age 65 is you go from LOD to Medicare. Lots of conversation amongst stake holders. Eddie asked for thoughts from the membership. Commercial ambulance agencies will be able to get emergency vehicle tags but must pay all

fees. Fireworks bill discussed. EMS bills have fared fairly well. Cot retention funding bill discussed.

○ **Old Business:**

VAGEMSA Website Jeff Meyer Website progress discussed. Webhost has been identified. Looking for help for layout and photos from across the state.

Promotional Materials Ch McGregor Preparing for VFCA conference. Preparing flyers. Discussed sponsorship and other funding resources.

VFCA Conference Eddie VAGEMSA sponsoring 4 EMS classes. VAGEMSA sponsored CEU's for all classes. OEMS supporting.

○ **New Business:**

Possible Dues Increase Eddie Considering increase in dues for 2017. Possibly increase dues to \$100.00 per agency and 1st 2 members then \$25.00 for each additional member. Discussion held.

Open Rules and Regulations seat Eddie Jennie Collins has moved to NC which opens a seat on the R&R committee. Please contact Eddie with interest

A motion was made by Chief Hobeck to bestow Life Membership to Retired Chief Rob Ryalls. Seconded by Williams. Discussion held. Unanimous vote to approve.

○ **Committee Reports:** (More detailed reports can be found in the EMS Quarterly Report booklet found on line the VA OEMS web site)

- Communications - Granted PSAP accreditation to Winchester and King and Queen counties. Recommend appointment of EMS representative to First Net, Mike Keif from VDEM.
- FARC - Agencies must register in EVA system. Amanda to conduct webinars regarding the Grant system
- Emergency Management - Reviewed NOVA Mobile Triage system. MUCK transition on hold.
- Workforce Development - Great inroads to Standards of Excellence. Several Agencies achieved. Progress on Officer I program. Hopefully pilot in May. Possible 1st class at Symposium. Grant opportunity for rural MIH. VA Rider Alert Program continued. Suggested a subgroup to monitor MIH.
- Symposium - Submissions for classes closed. Fewer than expected. Notifications should be out soon.
- Medevac - Working on Drone safety. Federal registration is now required. Developing a safety flyer. Studying aircraft for use in STEMI.

○ With there being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:45. The next meeting will be held May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016, along with the other OEMS meetings.

**List of Attendees Present**

Terrence McGregor, Lancaster County Emergency Services  
Michael Berg, OEMS  
Harvey J Porter, TEMS  
Ed Rhodes, Ed Rhodes Consulting  
Gary Samuel, VPF  
Jeff Michael, Rockingham County  
Bryan McCray, ODEMSA  
Rob Logan, WVEMS  
Tim Perkins, OEMS  
Amanda Davis, OEMS  
Chad Blosser, CSEMS  
Adam Harrell, OEMS  
Warren Short, OEMS  
Dan Norville, Norfolk Fire-Rescue  
Jose Salazar, Loudoun County  
Rob Lawrence, Richmond Ambulance Authority  
Gary Critzer, City of Waynesboro Emergency Management / EMS  
Eddie Ferguson, Goochland  
Ray Whatley, Alexandria  
Jeff Meyer, Portsmouth  
Timothy McKay, Chesterfield Fire & EMS  
Jason Ferguson, Botetourt Fire & EMS